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Idaho Milk Production Up 1.5 Percent

Idaho milk production during January 2010 totaled 1.02 billion pounds, a 1.5 percent increase from the same month last year, but unchanged from December 2009, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. December 2009 milk production was revised to 1.02 billion pounds, up 6 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in January 2010 was 1,850 pounds, up 40 pounds from January 2009. The average number of milk cows during January was 550,000 head, down 4,000 from January 2009, but unchanged from December 2009.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.8 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from January 2009. December revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was down 0.7 percent from December 2008. The December revision represented an increase of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for January, 30 pounds above January 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 191,000 head less than January 2009, but 4,000 head more than December 2009.